

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for one's fellow man; and,

Whereas, Ann McKay Thompson received her Bachelor and Master of Arts degrees from the University of South Dakota, and began her career in education as a teacher and counselor at the Pierre Indian Learning Center and Riggs High School; and,

Whereas, Ann later made a career move into government employment with the Departments of Education and Labor that covered areas such as grant writing, policy planning and development, budget preparation, legislative package preparation and presentation, and eventually serving in the governor's cabinet as the Secretary of the Department of Labor; and,

Whereas, Ann has served the Pierre community in numerous ways through her involvement in the Pierre Area Chamber of Commerce, founder of the South Dakota Discovery Center and Aquarium, founder of the Short Grass Arts Council, member of the South Dakota Heritage Board, Oahe Foundation Board, Pierre Economic Development Corporation, and Rotary President, as well as involvement in numerous statewide boards and foundations; and,

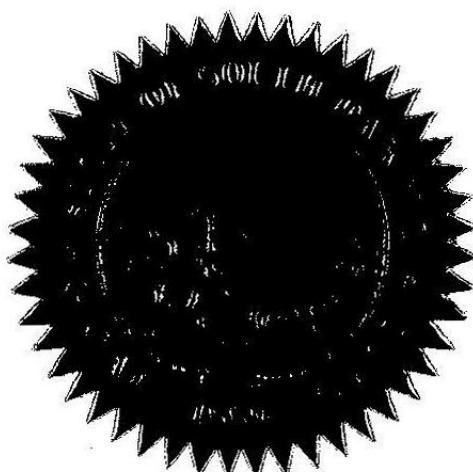
Whereas, Ann has received numerous awards for many accomplishments in her professional and private life, and it is with tremendous gratitude and appreciation that the citizens of central South Dakota need to recognize her one more time for the dedication to the educational needs of this area as she worked diligently to create, implement, and manage all aspects of Capital University Center (CUC), and serve as the only president of that institution since its foundation in 1982; and,

Whereas, Ann has guided CUC into the South Dakota Public Higher Education System, and is now ready to "pass on the torch" at a reception on January 8, 2004, which will allow her colleagues, family, and friends to honor and thank her for her commitment to the betterment of this community:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 8, 2004, as

ANN MCKAY THOMPSON DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State